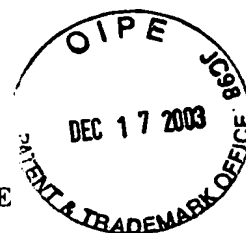


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**Reference AO (JP 61-47901) on Form PTO 1449:**

This reference discloses a casting material is rapidly cooled after HIP treatment.

**Reference AW on Form PTO 1449:**

This reference is discussed in the specification.



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